

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Application of:

Doyle et al.

Examiner: Edward J. Wojciechowicz

Application No.: 10/816,232

Art Unit: 2815

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
HAVING A Laterally Modulated
GATE WORKFUNCTION AND METHOD
OF FABRICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, INTERVIEW SUMMARY, AND FORM 1449

Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 10, 2006, to the Notice of Appeal filed by the Applicants on June 30, 2006, and to the Interviews held with the Examiner on August 14, 2006 and on August 21, 2006. The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment and to consider the following remarks and Form 1449, filed concurrently herewith.

I, Julie Dussault, hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 25, 2006.


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